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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING RECOVERY OF

NUCLEAR FUEL FROM FUEL POOL

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 29, 2008 and Advisory Action mailed July 16, 2008, the due date having been extended one (1) month to August 29, 2008, the following remarks and amendments are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Amendment.

| Committee Committee | Claims remaining after Amendment | | Highest number previously paid for | | Present extra |
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